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September 1, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk/Executive Director The Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Docket 2020-125-E

Application of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. for

Adjustment of Rates and Charges

Petition to Intervene

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please find attached for filing the Petition to Intervene of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs. As indicated on the Certificate of Service, I am serving all parties of record via electronic mail.

Regards,

Roger Hall, Esq.

Assistant Consumer Advocate

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Enclosure

CC w/ Enclosure: Parties of Record (via email)

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DOCKET NO. 2020-125-E

IN RE:)	
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APPLICATION OF DOMINION ENERG	Y)	
SOUTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND)	
CHARGES)	
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Carri Grube Lybarker, Administrator and Consumer Advocate for the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs ("Department"), respectfully petitions the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") for permission to intervene in the above referenced Docket pursuant to R. 103-825 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure. In support of this petition, Petitioner states as follows:

- 1. Dominion Energy South Carolina ("Dominion") has filed an application with the Commission requesting approval for adjustment of rates and charges for energy services to its customers.
 - 2. The Commission has assigned Docket No. 2020-125-E to this matter.
- 3. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 37-6-604 (2018), the Department may provide legal representation of the consumer interest before state and federal regulatory agencies when such agencies undertake to fix rates or prices for consumer products or services and may intervene as a party to advocate for the interest of consumers before the South Carolina Public Service Commission. In that capacity the Consumer Advocate does hereby petition to intervene as a formal party of record in Docket No. 2020-125-E.
- 4. The Department actively participated in many matters before this Commission from 1978 until the responsibility to intervene in utility rate filings was removed by 2004 Act No. 175. Act 258 of 2018, effective July 12, 2018, restored this role to the Department. Since that time, the Commission has permitted the Department to intervene in various matters.
- 5. The Department works to avoid excessive, inadequate, and unwarranted rate increases; however, a position has not yet been fully developed on this matter. Petitioner reserves

the right to set forth her position more fully as necessary and appropriate as this proceeding moves forward.

6. Counsel representing the Consumer Advocate/Department in this proceeding are:

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7. The Consumer Advocate/Department consent to service via electronic mail and request all communications regarding this docket be directed to counsel of record noted above.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, in order to represent the consumer interest of the State of South Carolina, requests the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene and make Petitioner a formal party of record, allowing Petitioner to actively participate in this proceeding.

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By: s/ Carri Grube Lybarker

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I hereby certify I have caused to be served this day the **Petition to Intervene** upon the individuals listed below via electronic mail as follows:

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